



## Eligibility

### Who is Eligible?

#### A. Infants and Toddlers Under Age 6:

Must have a developmental disability or exhibit *significant delay* in one or more areas of development that could lead to a developmental disability:

##### Developmental Areas

*Language, Cognitive, Social, Physical, Self – help*

*Significant delay* is defined as 50% or greater delay in one area or 25% or greater delay in two or more areas. Or, the child has a condition that demonstrates there is a likelihood that without services the child will become developmentally disabled.

*Ex.: Down syndrome, hydrocephalus.*

##### Developmental Delay is Diagnosed by

A physician or person trained in childhood development through use of a formal assessment, including but not limited to:

- Baley Scales of Infant Development
- Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales
- Preschool Language Scale
- Hawaii Early Learning Profile

#### B. Age 6 - Adult:

To qualify for Division of Developmental Disabilities services and supports, a person must voluntarily apply, be an Arizona resident, and be diagnosed with a developmental disability which was manifested before the age of 18 and is likely to continue indefinitely.

##### Developmental Disabilities

*Cerebral Palsy*

*Epilepsy*

*Autism*

*Cognitive Disability*

##### Documented by

Report or statement signed by a licensed physician.

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Diagnosis made by a licensed psychiatrist or licensed psychologist with expertise in Autism as part of a comprehensive report. This report should document the diagnosis criterion for Autism established by the American Psychiatric Association as stated in their Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSMIV). Diagnosis made by a developmental pediatrician must meet the same standards and must be submitted to the medical director for review.

Diagnosis of mental retardation(cognitive disability) made by a licensed psychologist, certified school psychologist or psychometrist working under the direction of a licensed psychologist or certified school psychologist. Acceptable testing instruments used as part of a comprehensive evaluation include but are not limited to:

- Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children
- McCarthy Scales of Children's Abilities
- Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale
- Wechsler Intelligence Scale

## Functional Limitations

In addition, the individual must demonstrate substantial limitations attributable to the qualifying diagnosis in three of the following life functions. For children, age appropriate skill should be considered.

<i>Receptive and Expressive Language</i>	The inability to communicate effectively without the aid of a third person, or assistive device. <i>Ex. Use of sign language or augmentive communication device</i>
<i>Learning</i>	Deficits in acquiring and processing new information. <i>Ex. Placement in a special education class for cognitive disability (MIMR).</i>
<i>Self-Direction</i>	Inability to manage personal finances, protect self-interest, or make decisions that affect well-being. <i>Ex. Appointment of a legal guardian or conservator, or a child who cannot cross the street safely at an expected age.</i>
<i>Self-Care</i>	Requiring significant assistance for eating, hygiene, bathing, administration of medication, etc. <i>Ex. Child age 6 unable to feed himself/herself.</i>
<i>Mobility</i>	Impairment in moving from place to place. <i>Ex. The need for a walker, wheelchair or physical assistance.</i>
<i>Capacity for Independent Living</i>	The need for supervision or assistance on a daily basis. <i>Ex. Lack of stranger-danger skills; supervision of an 8-year-old required near a stove.</i>
<i>Economic Self-Sufficiency</i>	Inability to financially support oneself. <i>Ex. Receipt of Supplemental Security Income or Vocational Rehabilitation Services. For children, the inability to recognize the value of money at an age-appropriate level.</i>

Documentation of functional limitations may include but is not limited to:

- Relevant scores on a formal evaluation
- Relevant scores on the Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP)
- Related goals on an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individual Support Plan (ISP)
- Personal observation by the intake worker
- Comments/observations on a professional report

## To schedule an intake interview contact the Developmental Disabilities office in your county:

### Phoenix (Central Office) 1-866-229-5553

Apache	1-866-560-8325
Coconino (Tuba City)	1-866-283-4520
Coconino (Flagstaff)	1-888-289-7177
Cochise	1-877-739-3938
Gila	1-877-739-3926
Graham	1-877-739-3938
Greenlee	1-877-739-3938
La Paz	1-877-739-3922

Maricopa (0 - 2 years)	602-277-8724
(3 - Adult)	602-246-0546
Mohave	1-877-739-3922
Navajo	1-888-289-7177
Pima	1-877-739-3943
Pinal	1-877-739-3926
Santa Cruz	1-877-739-3938
Yavapai	1-888-289-2003
Yuma	1-877-739-3922

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